

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In an optical disc playback apparatus capable of appropriately setting a font resolution of an on-screen message depending on a display resolution of data to be reproduced from an optical disc, a reader 12, 13, 14, 15 reads record data Si from a recording surface of the optical disc Od. An on-screen message font-resolution selector 16, 1A generates a digital character signal to be displayed as the on-screen message (OSM). An on-screen message font-resolution setting unit 16 controls the on-screen message font-resolution selector 16, 1A to change the font resolution of the on-screen message depending on the display format of the record data.

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